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ELECTORAL WARD: Morgan Jones

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Ward Member for Morgan Jones

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Property from 2nd July
Equalities Champion

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee (Chair) until 2nd July 2021

Partnerships Scrutiny Committee until 2nd July 2021

Appointments Committee

Cabinet as Trustees of Blackwood Miners Institute from 2nd July 2021

Rights of Way Cabinet Committee from 2nd July 2021

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group

Scrutiny Leadership Group until 2nd July 2021

Bargoed Town Centre Management Group from 2nd July 2021

Blackwood Town Centre Management Group from 2nd July 2021

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group

Corporate Joint Consultative Committee from 2nd July 2021

Pensions/Compensation Committee from 2nd July 2021

Risca Town Centre Management Group from 2nd July 2021

View Point Panel from 2nd July 2021

Ystrad Mynach Town Centre Management Group from 2nd July 2021

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Equalities/Unity Over Division Champion

Future Generations Champion since 2nd July 2021

Inclusion Champion

Association of Public Services Excellence (APSE) Welsh Regional Committee since 2nd July

Cardiff Capital Region Joint Scrutiny Committee (Regional Cabinet) since 2nd July 2021

PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London) Adjudication Joint Committee f since 2nd July

Regional Transport Authority since 2nd July 2021

Urban Commission (Local Government Association) since 2nd July 2021

Welsh Local Government Association since 2nd July 2021

ATTENDANCE

To view my attendance record, please follow the link below.

<https://democracy.caerphilly.gov.uk/mgUserAttendanceSummary.aspx?LLL=0>

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Gwent Public Services Board (seminar)

City Deal Joint Committees (seminar)

Team Caerphilly (seminar)

Elected Members Safety (seminar)

CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY

Lockdown brought many new challenges to my Cabinet role, with daily updates and situations never before experienced. Moving out of restrictions, I was able to meet people face to face on a more regular basis, which certainly helped form new relationships.

As Deputy Leader of Council and Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Property since 2nd July 2021, I acted as the Cabinet expert in these areas, to ensure that the views and needs of the service are built into the Council's policy framework and the decision-making process. I attended Scrutiny meetings where I regularly updated other Members about my key portfolio activities.

Along with my regularly scheduled committee, cabinet and council meetings during 2020/21, I also attended the following Teams events and meetings:

Photo call re: Free Car Parking, visit to Bargoed Library, Governing Body meetings, various site visits around the borough, meeting with resident re: Blackwood Interchange, CSC Foundry Board, various meetings with ward members re: highway issues, photocall in Morgan Jones Park, filming at Churchill Park, LDP Member Engagement, Discussion re: Afghanistan refugees, Community Empowerment Fund, City Deal Joint Committee, 20mph National Programme briefings, LDP Focus Group, Delivery Free School Meals, LGC Awards Ceremony, photocall re: Santa Appeal, Audit Wales Interview, WLGA Council, RTA, Autistic Minds Christmas event, visit to Libanus Lifestyle, Ness Tar meetings, photocall Oakdale Running Track,

WARD ACTIVITY

Over the last twelve months I continued my weekly door knocking in the ward once Covid restrictions were lifted. I have worked extensively with my fellow ward colleagues to undertake regular litter picks and regular walkarounds. In terms of attending meetings, I have not missed a statutory Council meeting this decade.

I continue to engage with residents in all kinds of ways, particularly through email, telephone and Facebook, and send a weekly e-mail update to well over 500 local residents.